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1. LOCAL PRESS ON JAN25 PUBLISHED FOLLOWING EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN PRESIDENT BOKASSA OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC AND PRESIDENT MACHZL.

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OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. MR. PRESIDENT AND ESTEEMED

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BROTHER: IN THE MILITARY PLANE, THE ESCALATING SITUATION IN ANGOLA CALLS FOR OUR GREATEST ATTENTION. ONLY OUR ANGOLAN BROTHERS ARE EXPOSED TO THIS DRAMA OF WAR. BECAUSE OF THIS, THE DUTY WHICH IS INCUMBEMT UPON US IS TO BGING THEM PEACE, AND THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS IS:

A) TO APPEAL TO THE OAU AND UN TO IMPOSE AN IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE.
B) TO CONTROL THE SITUATION THROUGH BLUE HELMETS.
C) TO AUTHORIZE THE ANGOLAN POPULATION TO DESIGNATE A PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC BY EGECTION WITH THE AIM OF PERMITTING THE ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT TO PREPARE A CONSITUTION FOR THE COUNTRY. AFRICAN IS FOR THE AFRICANS AND MUST REMAIN FOR US AFRICANS. BECAUSE OF THIS WE SAY NO TO AN ALIEN AFRICA. AT THIS TIME WHEN ARMAS ARE CONCEN-TRATED IN ANGOLA TO KILL OUR BROTHER ANGOLANS, MANY COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC PERSIST WITH THE PROBLEM OF UNDER-DEVELOPMENT.
WE ARE AVOIDING BEING COMMUNISTS, COLONIALISTS AND CAPITALISTS, BUT WE REMAIN AUTHENTIC AFRICANS. I WOULD BE HAPPY, FOR MY PART, IF LMY OPINION EXPRESSED IN THIS WAY COULD BE UNDERSTOOD BY MY TRUE AFRICAN BROTHERS BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY TO BE CAUTIOUS IN ORDER NOT TO ENGAGE AFRICAN IN A WAR SINCE THE WORD WAR IS STRONGER THAN DEATH. AND IF THIS GOES ON MUCH LONGER, THE WORD WAR WILL SIGNIFY DEATH AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION. I THANK IN ADVANCE ALL MY BROTHER CHIEFS OF STATE WHO COME TO REFLECT ON THE MEANING OF MY APPEAL, A SIMPLE APPEAL, AN APPEAL FOR PEACE AND AN APPEAL FOR HUMANITY, SO THAT THE AFRICAN CONTINENT CAN LIVE IN PEACE. MANY THANKS.
JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA, PRESIDENT FOR LIFE OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. UNQUOTE.

3. PRESIDENT MACHEL'S RESPONSE QUOTE: TO HIS EXCELLENCY, MARSHAL JEAN BEDEL BOKASSA, PRESIDENT OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. I RECEIVED AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA. IN REGARD TO YOUR PROPOSAL, THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MO" ZAMBIUE OBSERVES:
A) THE PEOLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS A SOVEREIGN STATE AND, THERE-FORE, ONLY SHE CAN APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION TO INTER VENE IN HER TERRITORY.

B) THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IS A SOVEREIGN STATE AND TO HER BELONGS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FIXING A DATE AND THE MODALITIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

ELECTIONS IN HER TERRITORY.

C) THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLICHOF ANGOLA, AS IS GENERALLY KNOW, HAS BEEN ENDOWED WITH A CONSITUTION SINCE THE TH OF NOVEMBER.

D) THE AFRICAN AUTHENTICITY SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY RESISTENCE TO THE ENEMY, THE REFUSAL OF ALL COMPROMISES AND, ABOVE ALL, TO ANY CAPITULATION IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY.

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E) THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR NATURAL ALLIES, CONTRARY TO THE CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLES AGAINST COLONIALSI.
THE PORTUGUESE COLONIALISTS MAINTAINED A WAY OF AGGRESSION FOR 14 YEARS AGAINST THE AFRICAN PEOPLES EXCLUSIVELY DUE TO THE CRIMINAL SUPPORT WHICH THEY WERE GIVEN BY THE IMPERIALIST POWERS. THIS WAS CONDEMNED MANY TIMES BY THE OAU AND UN.

F) WE THINK THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF ANY AFRICAN WORTHY OF THE NAME TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA IN HER JUST FIGHT AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, THE PRINCIPLE ENEMY OF OUR CONTINENT.
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION, SAMORA MOISES MACHEL, PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S
REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE. UNQUOTE.
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